



## State of Tennessee

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 271

By Representative Harrison

and

Senator Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate William Richard Watson II on his selection as Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for the ninth through twelfth-grade division.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Richard Watson II is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for the ninth through twelfth-grade division by Hawkins County Schools, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Bill Watson attended Pasadena City College, graduated from California State University at Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in history, and earned a master's degree in education from Kearney State College; he also completed the Volunteer High School mentor teacher training in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, for the past five years, this capable educator has served with acumen and alacrity as a naval science teacher at Volunteer High School, having previously taught sixth-grade and social studies at Cambridge Public School in Nebraska and naval science at Seaford High School in Delaware and La Pine High School in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, designated a Master Training Specialist by the United States Navy and a Top Lieutenant Instructor, Bill Watson skillfully taught geopolitics and public speaking at the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center in Virginia and has shared his vast knowledge and sage insights as a Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Basic Leadership Training Course instructor, NJROTC Sail Academy instructor, and NJROTC Leadership Academy instructor; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Mr. Watson, as the senior naval science instructor, involves his cadets in a number of activities, including participating in color guard, picking up litter, and visiting area Veterans Affairs and Shriners Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, having honorably served as a member of the United States Navy, Bill Watson remains committed to his fellow veterans as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9754, in Church Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson is a devout member of his church, where he faithfully serves as an elder, head usher, and member of the nominating and adult education committees; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Bill Watson was previously selected Teacher of the Year at Seaford High School in 2001 and is a member of the Phi Alpha Theta-International Honor Society in History; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Watson truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Bill Watson truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate William Richard Watson II on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for the ninth through twelfth-grade division of Hawkins County Schools, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in her future endeavors.

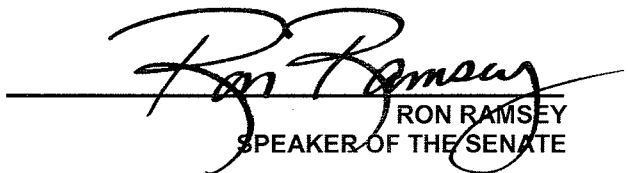
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: APRIL 28, 2011

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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR